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VISA INSTRUCTIONS FOR K1 NONIMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS

This office has received a petition entitling you to “K-1” nonimmigrant visa classification as an alien proceeding to the United States to marry an American citizen. To prepare for your interview with a consular officer, please read and follow carefully the instructions below.

FIRST: Complete and return immediately by regular mail, to this office the following forms: 2x DS 156; DS 156K (FIANCÉ(E) VISA APPLICATION, DO NOT SIGN), and DS230 PART I, with a photocopy of passport biographic data page. If your children will apply with you, two copies of form DS156 for each child must be completed in full. **This office cannot process your case until these forms have been received.**

SECOND: Obtain the following documents on this checklist which pertain to you. Do NOT send them to this office. NOTE: The documents listed are required for both your nonimmigrant visa and the U.S. Immigration authorities when you apply for permanent residence status.

☐ **PASSPORT:** A passport must be valid for travel to the United States and must have at least EIGHT MONTHS validity beyond the issuance date of the visa.

☐ **BIRTH CERTIFICATES:** Your original or certified copy of your birth certificate plus one original or certified copy of the birth certificate of each unmarried child under 21, named in the application is required. Persons born in the Netherlands, must obtain an international version of the birth certificate (doc. A).

☐ **UNOBTAINABLE BIRTH CERTIFICATES:** If an official birth certificate is not obtainable, present the best possible secondary evidence, such as a baptismal certificate, hospital certificate, school records, and/or a notarized affidavit from your parents, or other witnesses of the event.

☐ **PHOTOGRAPHS:** Four (4) color photographs are required.

SEE: http://amsterdam.usconsulate.gov/us_photo_instr.html

☐ **MARRIAGE/DIVORCE/DEATH CERTIFICATES:** If you were married previously, obtain one certified copy of your marriage certificate(s), and one certified copy of the divorce decree or death certificate to prove the dissolution of each such prior marriage. If you were married and divorced in the Netherlands, you must obtain the international version of your marriage/divorce certificate (doc. B).

☐ **EVIDENCE OF RELATIONSHIP:** You will be asked to submit evidence that you have previously met your fiancé(e), and proof of a valid fiancé(e) relationship with your petitioner. It is, therefore, useful to bring with you letters or other correspondence, photographs, or other evidence of your engagement.

☐ **POLICE RECORDS:** Each applicant aged 16 years of over is required to submit a certificate from the appropriate judicial or police authorities from the country of the applicant's nationality or current residence where the applicant has resided for at least six months since attaining the age of sixteen, as well as from all other countries where the applicant has resided for twelve months or more since attaining the age of sixteen. For countries maintaining national police records, a certificate from the national police or judicial authorities must be submitted. For countries not maintaining national police records, a certificate must be obtained from each locality. A police certificate must also be obtained from the police authorities of any place where the applicant has been arrested for any reason, regardless of the length of residence.

The Dutch Police Certificate will be arranged by the Consulate upon receipt of Form DS-230, part I, duly completed. Make sure to mention your current or last address in the Netherlands. (question 13/21)

ONLY ONE COPY OF EACH DOCUMENT, EXCEPT PHOTOGRAPHS, IS REQUIRED. HOWEVER, YOU ARE ADVISED TO OBTAIN AND KEEP A DUPLICATE COPY OF EACH DOCUMENT FOR YOUR RECORDS. Certain original documents can be returned to you after inspection, but ONLY if you present these originals with copies. The consulate will not make copies for you.

☐ COURT AND PRISON RECORDS: Persons convicted of a crime must obtain a certified copy of each court record and any prison record, regardless that they may have benefited from an amnesty or parson.

☐ MILITARY RECORDS: A certified copy of any military record is required. When in doubt call this office.

☐ EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT: Evidence which will show that you and your children, if any, are not likely to become public charges in the United States. If an affidavit is to be submitted, Form I-134 must be used. The Form I-134 can only be considered for acceptance if duly completed and supporting documents are attached.

☐ TRANSLATIONS: All documents not in English, or in Dutch, must be accompanied by a certified translation, by a sworn translator, into English.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS: A medical examination is also required for each unmarried minor child who will accompany you to the United States. Instructions will follow in due time with your interview invitation.

THIRD: As soon as you have obtained all of the documents that apply in your case, carefully read the statement at the bottom of this page, sign and date it, and **return the checklist to this office**. After the form has been returned to this office, you will be scheduled for a medical examination and a visa interview at the earliest possible date. You should bring all of the above pertinent documents with you to the medical and interview.

You need not check with this office unless you have to report a change of address or change in your situation such as marriage, death of petitioner, or birth of children.

Please do not send any documents with this form unless you are specifically requested to do so.



I hereby certify that I have in my possession and am prepared to present all of the listed documents which apply to my case. I hereby request that an appointment be granted me at the earliest possible date for an interview with a consular officer. I fully realize that no assurance can be given whether a fiancé(e) visa will be issued to me, until after I am interviewed by a consular officer. I also understand that I should NOT give up my job, dispose of property, or make any final travel and wedding arrangements until a visa is actually issued to me. At the time of my scheduled interview, I intend to apply: (check appropriate box)

☐ Alone

☐ Together with the following children:
(print the names of each child who will accompany you.)

Date

Case Number

Signature

Print Name

Current Address:

YOU WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR AN APPOINTMENT UNTIL YOU RETURN THIS FORM.